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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASAHIRO KAWAGUCHI ET AL.

Application No.: 10/736,545

Filed: December 17, 2003

For: DNA MICRO-ARRAY HAVING
STANDARD PROBE AND KIT
INCLUDING THE ARRAY

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) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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) May 11, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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STATUS INQUIRY

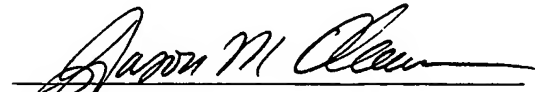
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a status report on the above-identified application. The application was filed on December 17, 2003. However, to date, no Official Action has been received for this application. Furthermore, according to the U.S. Patent Office's PAIR database, this application has not even been assigned to an examiner.

Since the application was filed more than sixteen months ago, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to promptly assign this application to an examiner and to indicate to the undersigned when an Office Action is expected to be issued.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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